

ABSTRACT

WA-II-210

19th Century

"Barren Hill"

Benevola-Boonsboro Vicinity  
private

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-210  
District 6  
Map 68  
Parcel 257  
MAGI # 2207945935

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**"Barren Hill"**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Route 40-A**

CITY, TOWN

**Benevola**☒ VICINITY OF **Boonsboro**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**6**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Washington****3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Holmes L. Haller**

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Route # 1, Box 86**

CITY, TOWN

**Boonsboro**☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21713****5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Washington County Court House**Liber #: **389**Folio #: **652**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740****6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WA-II-210

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This house and barn are located on the east side of U.S. Route 40-A at the south end of the settlement known as Benevola, north of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. They stand on high ground, facing west.

The house is a two story, four bay brick cased log structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. A two story, two bay ell of solid brick construction extends to the rear. The front section of the house displays all stretcher bond. Wide wooden lintels are present above most openings. Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls. They have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Windows have two over two pane double hung sashes and pairs of shutters with movable louvers. The house has two front doors located side by side in the center bay. The doors are treated similarly each hung beneath a transom. A massive one story porch supported by square pillars resting on brick piers extends across the front elevation. It is partially enclosed by a plain wooden balustrade.

A series of 19th century brackets finish the eaves at the front elevation.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls.

Small brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

Behind the house is a small frame bank barn with a heart shaped opening high in its gable.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex includes a log house which has been cased with brick. Having two front doors located side by side, it follows a prominent regional form which seems to be associated with Germanic building traditions.

The actual age of this house is not known. Its exterior appearance suggests that the house was cased during the late 19th century.

According to deed records this area was called "Barren Hill." Two tracts of land were purchased from Jacob Fasnacht by Henry Rice during the 1830's. One tract, the earlier conveyance (about 1831) contained two acres and 13 perches and was sold with the restriction that it was not to be subdivided and that only one dwelling be built on the property. The second transaction occurred in 1838 and contained 20 1/4 acres of land. (See deeds MM/404, TT/650). Later the property was owned by Elizabeth K. Watson who sold it in 1869 to Susan Maria Lovell, presumably a relative, and her heirs. (WMckk2/107). It remained in the Lovell family until 1928. It was purchased by the present owner in 1963. (181/188, 195/90, 197/603).

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.43 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

March 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

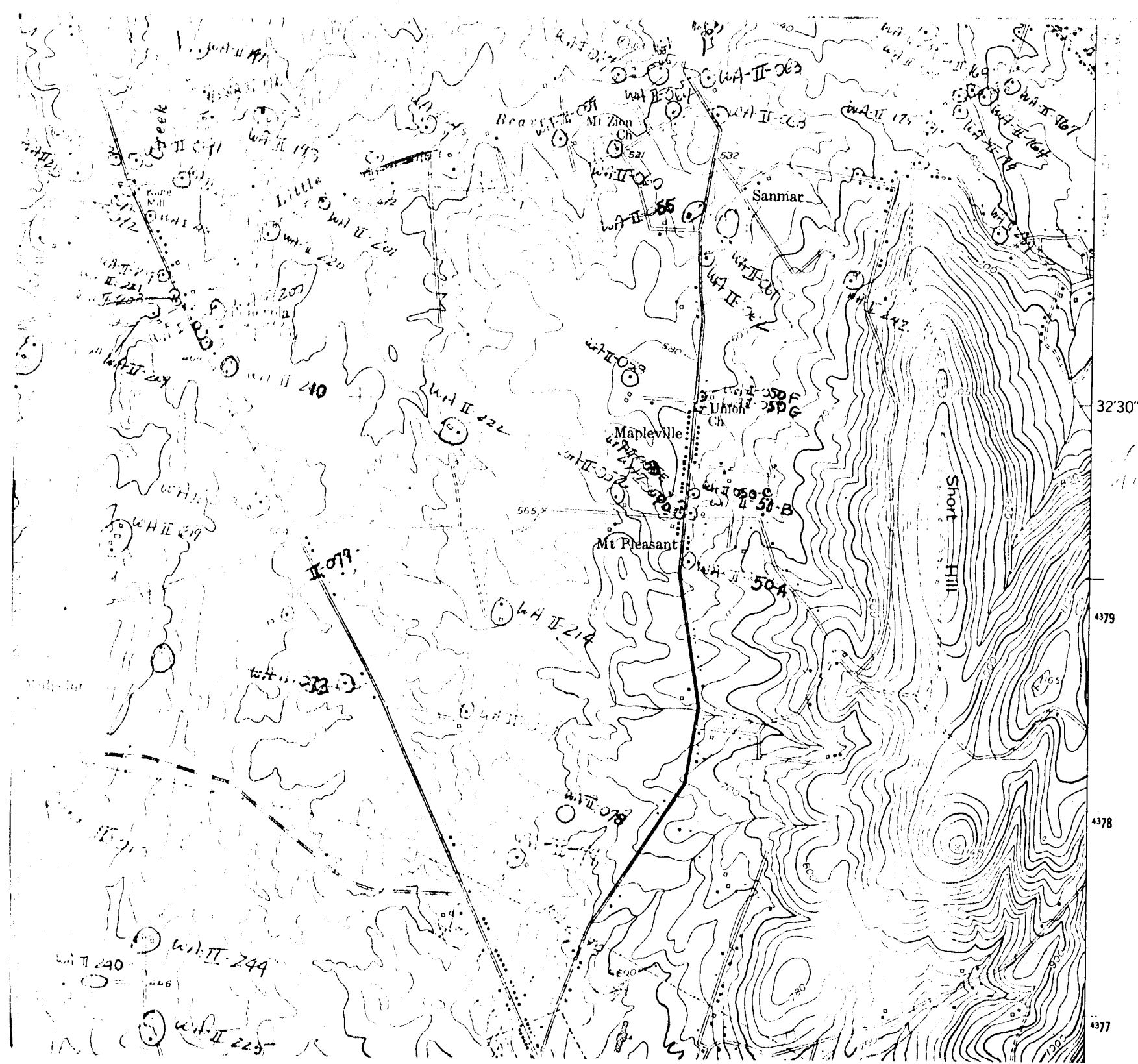
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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1946 1975

"Barren Hill"

Route 40-A

Benevola-Boonsboro Vicinity

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSERVATION, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY





WA 11-210  
S.W. 1/4  
Oct. 1915

"Barren Hill"

Route 40-A

Benevola-Boonsboro Vicinity

1915-16 - 1917-18  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY